

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0030] with the following amended paragraph:

[0030] As shown in FIG. [[3]] 6, when the drain pump 72 is stopped and the check valve 80 is closed due to the absence of the pressure of draining water, the water present in the drain apparatus 70 begins to flow from a higher level to a lower level. In particular, while the water draining along the second backflow-preventing passage 76b and the drain hose 78 continues draining, the water in the drain passage 74 flows backward to the sump 56, but since the check valve 80 is positioned at the entrance of the backflow-preventing passage 76, the water in the first backflow-preventing passage 76a is blocked as the pressure of the draining water drops, so that the water collects only between the peak point P of the backflow-preventing passage 76 and check valve 80. Thus, even if a portion of the water present in the drain passage 74 flows backward to the sump 56, the amount of water flowing backward to the sump 56 is minimized since the drain passage 74 is relatively short.